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Dear Professor Bernabel:

Thank you for your interesting letter of 2 April 1970. I certainly appreciate your sincere and scholarly approach to the problems that we all face in trying to evaluate the JFK assassination.

Gun powder particles would not necessarily adhere only to the walls of the channel made by the bullet. Although most, and sometimes all, of the particles might be so located, it is possible for some to penetrate into the adjacent tissues.

Gun powder particles are not radiopaque and would not appear on x-rays.

Fragments of a bullet may be found anywhere in the skull following a head wound. The distribution pattern would depend on many factors.

I regret having to write such a negative reply, but I hope that your research and investigative efforts will continue nevertheless.

Please keep me apprised of any significant new developments in your theories and work.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Harold Weisberg ✓